

Adventures In Time Summer History Camp



The Summer History Campers pose for a picture wearing 17th century attire.



Anthony Adamo takes a shot at playing Rolling the Hoop.



After the Living History Presentation, campers ask questions.

John Alden Historical Site hosted its very first historical camp session from July 11-15. This one-week session gave campers the opportunity to learn what it was like to live in the 17th century, including the games the Alden children would have played. The campers learned important 17th century skills such as stitching, pen and ink writing, baking and how to make toys like cornhusk dolls and ball cup toys. The campers also got to participate in a mock archeological dig on the Alden property.

On Saturday the 15th, the campers dressed up as 17th century pilgrims for guest speaker Fred Hills, who performed a Living Historical Presentation. Dressed as a member of the military, he explained all items of the pilgrim's military uniform. Hills also brought other props with him, such as horn utensils, and at the end of his presentation he allowed the campers to try on and handle the items he brought with him. Hills is a volunteer at the Plymouth Pilgrim Hall and a member of the National Historic

Park in Lexington.

The three history enthusiasts running this summer camp are Regina Porter, Chris Daley and Linda Reading. Regina is a museum teacher and works at the Plimoth Plantation as well as the Historical Winslow House in Marshfield. Chris Daley teaches social studies and Linda Reading is a librarian; both are with the Silver Lake school system.

The summer history camp will be held again next summer. It is a five-day intensive look at Colonial American experience. The camp will run Tuesday to Saturday during the second week of July. The camp is open to students entering grades 5-8. Campers are enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis and space is very limited. To request information, contact the Alden House Historic Site, P. O. Box 2754, Duxbury, MA 02331-2754 or call 781-934-9092.

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Fred Hills explains the use of a war musket.



Kimberly Whitney and Bridgette Fowler experience 17th century punishment.



Anthony Adamo and Scott Struski try on some of the military helmets.